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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Zonta Club of Adelaide
Flinders

Inc District 23, Area 2,
Club 993 Chartered
December 1981

DIARY DATES

Next Board Meeting

Monday 9th November
4pm (via Zoom)

Next Members Meeting

Wednesday 21 October

Venue:

West Adelaide Football
Club

Guest Speaker:

We are celebrating

United Nations Day –
24/10

RSVP & Apologies to
Isobel 0418953648

White Ribbon Day
&
UN Day for the
Elimination of Violence
against Women
25/11

Human Rights Day
10/12

D23 Conference- Bendigo
10-12 September 2021

It felt like spring had certainly sprung at our September dinner meeting, the first meeting of the Biennium held at the West Adelaide Football Club "Westies". As Cintra's report indicates there was a real buzz in the air. Thank you to the Board members for coming together to brighten up the meeting room, especially Susan MacDonald who shared some beautiful flowers from her garden. The meal was excellent and the service certainly came with a smile. We had great news after the meeting, that we have a storage cupboard again. The "Westies" have allocated a space for us near our meeting room where we have room to store our PA system, banners, flags, gavel and hammer and the club gifts and table decorations. So pleased to know we have a home for the present.

The Board has been having discussions about where we should celebrate Christmas, at our December 2nd meeting this year. We have approached West Adelaide Football club about the potential to have our dinner there this year. The Board believes we can add some Christmas colour to the room to make the event one to remember. Isobel McFarlane will have more news about that at our October club dinner meeting.

Fiona Dorman President NCW-SA was a wonderful guest speaker her enthusiasm for her role was palpable. It was also wonderful to see her mother come to join with us to hear her accomplished daughter. The next day I received an invitation to apply for the Glow- South Aussie with Cossi grant of \$2500 for a special project. Fiona Dorman nominated us to be considered for this grant. I made the application for funding for a project 'Strengthening Life Skills through cooking and sewing'.

November sees the end of our 'Food For Thought Project' which was funded through the ZI Centenary Grants. The last three sessions will be run over October and then we have a celebration and graduation ceremony on the 5th November. We have been fortunate in our partnership with Zahra Foundation, the Interim CEO Kae Martin has been critical to the smooth running of the project ensuring that the notices go out to the participants, as well as ensuring their attendance and bringing together the administrative aspects of the project. We have been equally fortunate in our club project lead Heather Smigiel. She has negotiated with Kae on each aspect of the project as well as with our wonderful demonstration cooks, Susan MacDonald, Lindy Berketa and Lorraine Omond and with members to volunteer their support services for each of the cooking mornings. Each session has been exceptional, the food great and the engagement of members in the project ensuring that they were positively engaged in the experience. I know I have learned a great deal from each session I have attended. Thank you to all of the members who have been involved in this project you should all be proud of what we have been able to achieve through this great partnership. I look forward to us being able to continue with the cooking project into the future, funding allowing, and in commencing the sewing project with Zahra Foundation participants in the near future. Thank you everyone for your continued support for all of our work.

Lesley Sieglhoff, RN PhD



As has been our tradition the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders celebrates United Nations Day (24 October) at its October meeting.

Zonta International has been closely linked with the United Nations since expressing support for the fledgling UN in 1946. As an NGO Zonta brings women's concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages members to participate at the local level.

Zonta International maintains representatives at UN sites in Geneva, New York, Paris, Vienna and Bangkok. Committee members attend UN conferences, committee and commission sessions. As an accredited NGO, Zonta participates by providing written statements and oral presentations on issues being considered, and may organise panels for general debate.

Since 1985 Zonta has had general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of six principal bodies carrying out UN work. One of the nine ECOSOC committees, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the leading policy-making body concerned with women's rights and the equal status of women.

Helvi Spipila, our ZI International President 1968-70 was the first-ever female Assistant Secretary-General of UN. A fierce advocate of women's rights, she was appointed to this position in 1972 and served until 1980.

In 1979 the UN General Assembly adopted an international treaty Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) described as the international bill of rights for women. This entered into force in 1981 and has so far been ratified by 189 states. Australia signed CEDAW in 1983 and earlier this year the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne announced our own Natasha Stott Despoja AO as Australia's candidate for CEDAW and Natasha has been campaigning hard to be selected from a very competitive field to become one of the 23 experts on women's issues from around the world. Voting was scheduled for June 2020 but has been deferred due to current circumstances. We keep our fingers crossed for her!

Most of our International Projects are linked with UN and for decades we have worked hand-in-hand with UN agencies such as UN Women, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN International Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Many of Zonta's programs and projects touch on many of the Sustainable Development Goals established by UN's General Assembly in 2015, particularly SDG No. 5 – Gender Equality. These are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all and the SDG agenda is to achieve all 17 goals by 2030 – not far away!

Cintra Amos, UN/International Chair



Goal 5: Gender Equality

Ending all discrimination against women and girls is not only a basic human right, it's crucial for sustainable future; it's proven that empowering women and girls helps economic growth and development.

UNDP has made gender equality central to its work and we've seen remarkable progress in the past 20 years. There are more girls in school now compared to 15 years ago, and most regions have reached gender parity in primary education.

But although there are more women than ever in the labour market, there are still large inequalities in some regions, with women systematically denied the same work rights as men. Sexual violence and exploitation, the unequal division of unpaid care and domestic work, and discrimination in public office all remain huge barriers. Climate change and disasters continue to have a disproportionate effect on women and children, as do conflict and migration.

It is vital to give women equal rights on land and property, sexual and reproductive health, and access to technology and the internet. Today there are more women in public office than ever before, but encouraging more women leaders will help achieve greater gender equality.



First meeting at West Adelaide Football Club
for the Biennium

Dear Members

Thank you all for a fabulous September meeting – great business meeting and great fellowship, and I am sure you will agree, that the energy in the room was just fabulous!

Our guest speaker Fiona Dorman's presentation was most enjoyable, with some very informative snippets from SA history. It was lovely to have Fiona and her mum Betty Khor (herself a previous President of NCW SA) stay and enjoy the whole meeting with us and I think everyone took the opportunity to chat with them.

"Strengthening Response to Gender-Based Violence Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste" and our guests will be three Papua New Guinean ladies who will talk about life for women in PNG.ir

In the email from Fiona to our President, which is included below, she also acknowledges her appreciation of speaking to and meeting with the members.

At our October meeting (UN Month) we will highlight one of our new ZI projects "Strengthening Response to Gender-Based Violence Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste" and our guests will be three Papua New Guinean ladies who will talk about life for women in PNG.ir See you there!, Cheers, Cintra **Cintra Amos, Program Chair**

Dear Madam President,

Thank you so much again, for the opportunity to talk to the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders. I too, am still abuzz after speaking and meeting so many of your members. What a fabulous and active group you have!

I have attached the photos of us from the evening. They will be a treasured memory for me.

In the meantime, I am preparing the next Newsletter - please do not hesitate to send me information to include. Perhaps regarding the Garage Sale? Or, about the Young Women in Public Affairs award? Although it might be early to discuss this, some information about why it's important and the aims of the award would be wonderful to share.

And, so that I do not miss the opportunity, I've attached a membership form! NCW SA would be delighted to welcome Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders back. With such a long history together, a re-union of shared mission and values would be a true honour. I look forward to seeing you again soon. Kind regards, Fiona Dorman, President, National Council of Women of SA Inc (P: 0409697955)





CONGRATULATIONS SUE LEAR

30 years Service to Zonta

**is a wonderful Achievement
Sue is seen here receiving her Badge from**

President Lesley Siegloff

Fundraising News



**ZONTA Club of Adelaide
Flinders**

GIANT GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY 17TH & SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
8.00AM TO 12 NOON**

**MARGARET STREET, NORWOOD
(WILLIAM STREET END)**

**CLOTHING, KITCHENWARE, BRIC-A-BRAC,
BOOKS AND PLANTS
& MANY OTHER TREASURES**

**A COVID MARSHALL
WILL BE ON SITE AT ALL TIMES**



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Constance is collecting pre-loved
Scarves for our trading table being
held at the 2021 Convention in
BENDIGO.

Now is the time to go through your
collection of scarves, probably
sitting in a drawer somewhere, that
you haven't worn in A G E S.

It would be appreciated if they
could be laundered and ironed, so
that Constance can wrap, ready to
showcase at this important event.
Thank you for helping to make this
a successful event.



Combined Area 2 Advocacy Meeting September 12th 2020 – Thoughts from Marianne Kidd.

I was pleased that I attended the Area Advocacy meeting as it gave me more of an insight into Advocacy approach of "Moving from Awareness and Action" of the many issues that affect women and girls such as domestic violence, gender inequity, mental health and economic issues. All the speakers were excellent and raised current issues especially the effects of Covid-19.

The meeting was well run by The Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales, especially taking into account all the preparation for being Covid safe and protocols. The first speaker was **Amanda Rishworth Federal MP** who approached her talk from a Federal policy area, discussing funding for Domestic violence strategies and gender equity issues; she also is encouraging more women to become members of boards.

Katrine Hildyard State MP gave an inspiring talk on State Policy including raising issues about funding for the prevention of Domestic Violence in the Southern area. Currently there is a petition seeking more 'Services for Domestic Violence in the Southern Area' as currently only crisis management and no dedicated service for prevention. I understand Katrine is in the process of arranging a community forum in November. Both Katrine and Amanda discussed the way that clubs as well as the Area leadership team could think about the way they communicate with politicians. They both supported the idea of sending letters when wanting to approach Politicians this can also include making an appointment to present the letter to the politician. They were each clear that with any initiative that we take that we must have a strategy developed which extends further than the letter writing. Clubs need to think about each of the stages of their plan so that they can explain to politician what comes next.

The final speaker **Cliff Sweetman** a community representative from Strathalbyn presented a model for Community Advocacy and Action based on Community based Mental Health and Wellbeing Management. He discussed developing a Community Gatekeeping culture. For example EMPOWERING COMMUNITY TO LOOK AFTER COMMUNITY. He highlighted working with community volunteer groups, service clubs, organisations and networking support. He also talked about understanding Community Gatekeepers, eg leaders, mentors, drivers and people with differing degrees of caring and empathic capacities working together to effect change.

A discussion followed to identify what we do next; the outcome was that an Area strategy will be developed. This will be a great opportunity to identify the gaps and what Zonta at the District level as well as at Club level are engaged in. I believe that there should be a shared vision for Zonta advocacy issues within District 23 and our Area. At the club level I believe there should be more awareness about Advocacy awareness and moving to action as this is a new area. How can our club work at the grassroots levels with other organisations eg Zahra, Western Domestic Violence to assist with affecting change, I believe we are having a high impact with our 'Food for thought' program and our other service projects. But it would be useful for the club to discuss if we should have a specifically focused project with a focus on Advocacy looking at areas such as working with other Community groups in specific areas of need eg Domestic Violence and Prevention?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY**Marianne Kidd – 23rd Oct****Penny Hepworth – 1st Nov****Jill Welsh – 7th Nov****Eronwy Edwards – 7th Nov****BOARD 2020-2021****President – Lesley Sieglhoff****Vice President – Catherine****Middleton****Secretary – Melanie Roberts****Treasurer – Carolyn Colquhoun****Directors**

- Cintra Amos
- Sarah Cunningham
- Susan MacDonald
- Isobel McFarlane

Club leads**Advocacy – Lesley Sieglhoff****Awards – YWPA - Sue Lear****Jane Klausman – Lesley Sieglhoff****STEM – Lesley Sieglhoff****Breast Cushion Project – Sarah Cunningham****Birthing Kits – Sue Lear****Fundraising – Lindy Berketa****Membership – Jill Welsh****PR & Communication - Catherine Middleton****Program – Cintra Amos****Meeting contact – Isobel McFarlane**

- *To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.*
- *To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions.*
- *To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms*
- *To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who service their communities, their nations, and the world.*

**THE ZONTA THANKS**

*Wherever your country of birth
whatever your faith or creed
give thanks for the meal we share in Zonta Fellowship
But remember too those who have no food today
not with guilt that we have so much
but with hope that through Zonta service and advocacy
they too may come to share the same
in peace and harmony.*

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